

Amendments to the Claims

In the claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing information in a private database, the method comprising:

at an e-mail server,

receiving a request from a wireless communication device to access the information in the private database;

upon receiving the request, comparing an e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, then authorizing access to the private database;

sending a query to retrieve the information;

receiving a response to the query, wherein the response includes the information, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance; and

sending the information to the wireless communication device; and

if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying the request to access the information in the private database.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the request includes receiving an e-mail from the wireless communication device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein receiving the e-mail from the wireless communication device includes receiving the e-mail from one of a wireless telephone, a wireless pager and a wireless personal digital assistant.

4-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein sending the query includes identifying text in the e-mail.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a word associated with the information.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein identifying the word in the e-mail includes identifying an acronym associated with the information.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a phrase associated with the information.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a number associated with the information.

13. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein identifying text in the e-mail includes identifying a letter and a number associated with the information.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving the response includes receiving the information.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein sending the information to the wireless communication device includes sending an e-mail to the wireless communication device.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

at the e-mail server,

receiving a second request from the wireless communication device, wherein the second request is for accessing additional information;

sending a second query, wherein the second query is for retrieving the additional information;

receiving a response to the second query, wherein the response to the second query includes the additional information; and

sending the additional information to the wireless communication device.

17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for accessing information in a private database, the apparatus comprising:

an e-mail server for accessing the private database, wherein the e-mail server is configured for communication with a wireless communication device and includes:

an identification module for identifying an e-mail address of the wireless communication device; and

an authorization module for authorizing the e-mail server to access the private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device, wherein the authorization module is operative to compare the e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, then authorizing access to the private database, and if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying the request to access the information in the private database, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Intranet.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the e-mail server comprises a portion of an Extranet.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to:

identify an e-mail address of a wireless communication device; and

authorize an e-mail server to access information in a private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device, wherein the processor, in authorizing an e-mail server to access information in the private database is operative to compare the e-mail address identified with the wireless communication device against a list of e-mail addresses residing at the e-mail server, and if the identified e-mail address is on the list, then authorizing access to the private database, and if the identified e-mail address is not on the list, then denying

the request to access the information in the private database, wherein the information comprises a list of documents which are listed by order of relevance.